

## COPYRIGHT

*Agreement signed at Washington January 15, 1892*

*Ratified by Germany March 24, 1892*

*Ratified by the President of the United States April 15, 1892*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington April 15, 1892*

*Entered into force May 6, 1892*

*Benefits of United States Copyright Act of March 4, 1909,<sup>1</sup> extended to Germany by proclamations of April 9, 1910,<sup>2</sup> and December 8, 1910;<sup>3</sup> benefits of Copyright Act of December 18, 1919,<sup>4</sup> extended by proclamation of May 25, 1922<sup>5</sup>*

*Reapplied by exchange of notes of February 6 and June 20, 1950<sup>6</sup>*

27 Stat. 1022; Treaty Series 100

The President of the United States of America, and His Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia, in the name of the German Empire, being actuated by the desire to extend to their subjects and citizens the full benefit of the legal provisions in force in both countries in regard to copyright, have, to this end, decided to conclude an agreement, and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States of America, James G. Blaine, Secretary of State of the United States;

His Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia, Alfons Mumm von Schwarzenstein, His Chargé d'Affaires near the Government of the United States of America, who, being duly authorized, have concluded the following agreement, subject to due ratification:

### ARTICLE I

Citizens of the United States of America shall enjoy, in the German Empire, the protection of copyright as regards works of literature and art, as well as photographs, against illegal reproduction, on the same basis on which such protection is granted to subjects of the Empire.

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<sup>1</sup> 35 Stat. 1075.

<sup>2</sup> 36 Stat. 2685.

<sup>3</sup> 36 Stat. 2761.

<sup>4</sup> 41 Stat. 368.

<sup>5</sup> 42 Stat. 2271.

<sup>6</sup> Not printed.

## ARTICLE II

The United States Government engages, in return, that the President of the United States shall, in pursuance of Section 13 of the Act of Congress of March 3, 1891,<sup>7</sup> issue the proclamation therein provided for in regard to the extension of the provisions of that Act to German subjects, as soon as the Secretary of State shall have been officially notified that the present agreement has received the necessary legislative sanction in the German Empire.

## ARTICLE III

This agreement shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

The agreement shall go into operation at the expiration of three weeks from the date of the exchange of its ratifications, and shall be applicable only to works not published at the time when it shall have gone into operation. It shall remain in force until the expiration of three months from the day on which notice of a desire for the cessation of its effects shall have been given by one of the contracting parties.

Done in duplicate, in the English and German languages, at the City of Washington, this 15th day of January, 1892.

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<sup>7</sup> 26 Stat. 1106.